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SUBJECT: BUSHMAN MILITARY CAMP ON NAMIBIAN BORDER

REF: PRETORIA 4565

1. SEPTEMBER 12 PRESS REPORTS THE EXISTENCE OF A LARGE
BUSHMAN MILITARY CAMP/SETTLEMENT IN "A REMOTE PART OF THE
OPERATIONAL AREA" ALONG THE NAMIBIA-ANGOLA BORDER. ACCORDING
TO REPORTS, THE CAMP, STARTED 3 YEARS AGO, IS HOME FOR MORE
THAN 2000 BUSHMEN, INCLUDING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND AGED PEOPLE,
AS WELL AS BUSHMEN WHO ARE SERVING IN THE SADF, OFTEN AS
TRACKERS. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, THE EXISTENCE OF THE
SETTLEMENT HAS RESULTED IN INCREASED BUSHMEN VOLUNTEERS FOR
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THE SADF. A SEPTEMBER 12 SABC REPORT MADE THE POINT THAT
THE BUSHMEN WERE AN "INTEGRAL PART" OF THE SADF.

2. AS NOTED REFTEL, THE SADF 31ST BATTALION IS COMPOSED OF
BUSHMEN OFFICERED BY SOUTH AFRICANS. APPARENTLY BUSHMEN IN
THIS BATTALION SERVE AS TRACKERS FOR OTHER SADF UNITS, BUT
MAY ALSO OPERATE AS COMBAT UNITS THEMSELVES.

3. PRESS COVERAGE BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AF/S.
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